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TO DOWN DDA AIRCRAFT

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<> (((P. PRITULA DISPATCH: "U.S. STINGERS IN THE <><>AFGHAN<><> SKY"))

<> (((TEXT)) <><>RADUL-MOSCOW-ON<><> 4 SEPTEMBER 1986 A BRITISH-PRODUCED

"BLOWPIPE" SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE DOWNED A PASSENGER AIRCRAFT EN ROUTE FROM GANDAHAN TO FARAN. THE 52 PEOPLE ON BOARD--INCLUDING 6 CHILDREN AND 7 WOMEN--WERE KILLED.

<> IN <><>RADUL<><> I VISITED A QUIET STREET IN THE KHARKHAN ((NAME AS PUBLISHED)) DISTRICT. THERE I MET WITH AN <><>AFGHAN<><> WHOSE SORROW WILL NEVER FADE. HIS SON, WIFE, AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN DIED IN THE AIRCRAFT.

"I DO NOT KNOW WHO KILLED THEM," THE MAN SAID. "I DO NOT KNOW WHO KILLED MANY OTHER WOMEN AND CHILDREN, BUT DAMN THEIR JINAD (THE SO-CALLED MUSLIM "HOLY WAR" AGAINST THE INFIDELS--V.P.) IF IT IS USED AS A PRETEXT FOR SUCH CRIMES."

THIS PREMATURELY AGED MAN WITH TREMBLING HANDS AND EYES BRIMMING WITH TEARS BEHIND HIS GLASSES WAS A MULLAN. HE IS NOT ALONE IN HIS GRIEF. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR ALONE AND SINCE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE UNILATERAL CEASE-FIRE BY GOVERNMENT TROOPS, THE BANDITS WITH EVEN MORE MODERN AND EFFECTIVE STINGER

